

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN  
RAILROADS; AMERICAN SHORT LINE  
AND REGIONAL RAILROAD  
ASSOCIATION; NATIONAL WASTE &  
RECYCLING ASSOCIATION – NEW YORK  
STATE CHAPTER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BASIL SEGGOS; LETITIA JAMES, *in their  
official capacities*,

Defendants.

No. 24-CV-135 (RA)

ORDER AND NOTICE  
OF INITIAL CONFERENCE

RONNIE ABRAMS, United States District Judge:

This case has been assigned to me for all purposes. It is hereby:

ORDERED that, by April 5, 2024, the parties submit a joint letter, not to exceed five (5) pages, providing the following information in separate paragraphs:

1. A brief description of the nature of the action and the principal defenses thereto;
2. A brief explanation of why jurisdiction and venue lie in this Court. If any party is a corporation, the letter shall state both the place of incorporation and the principal place of business. If any party is a partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company or trust, the letter shall state the citizenship of each of the entity's members, shareholders, partners and/or trustees;
3. A brief description of all contemplated and/or outstanding motions;
4. A brief description of any discovery that has already taken place, and/or that which will be necessary for the parties to engage in meaningful settlement negotiations;
5. A brief description of prior settlement discussions (without disclosing the parties' offers or settlement positions) and the prospect of settlement;
6. The estimated length of trial; and
7. Any other information that the parties believe may assist the Court in advancing the case to settlement or trial, including, but not limited to, a description of any dispositive issue or novel issue raised by the case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, by April 5, 2024, the parties jointly submit to the Court a proposed case management plan and scheduling order. A template for the order is available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-ronnie-abrams>. The status letter and the proposed case management plan should be filed electronically, consistent with the Court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) Rules & Instructions, which were updated on April 1, 2020, and are available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/rules/ecf-related-instructions>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel for all parties appear for an initial status conference on April 12, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. If Defendants have not yet been properly served, has not filed a responsive pleading, and/or the parties otherwise seek to adjourn the conference, they shall notify the Court by no later than April 5, 2024. Unless the parties request otherwise, the Court will hold this conference by telephone. The parties shall use the following dial-in information to call in to the conference: Call-in Number: (888) 363-4749; Access Code: 1015508. This conference line is open to the public. If Defendants have been properly served and the parties are available to proceed with an initial status conference prior to April 12, 2024, the parties shall notify the Court and propose an earlier date for the conference, as well as for submission of the status letter and proposed case management plan.

Plaintiffs are ordered to serve Defendants with a copy of this order and to file an affidavit on ECF certifying that such service has been effectuated.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 18, 2024  
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ronnie Abrams', is written over a horizontal line.

Ronnie Abrams  
United States District Judge